

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claim 4, and has canceled claims 1, 3, 5, 7-10, and 12-14 (claims 2 and 11 were previously canceled). These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 6, and the Examiner's indication that claim 4 defines allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten claim 4 in independent form. As such, present claim 4 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In light of the cancellation of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-10, and 12-14, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hagstrom et al.* (US 5,927,208) in view of *Matsuoka et al.* (US 5,337,668) is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of claim 4, as amended herein, and submits that this claim is in condition for allowance, along with allowed claim 6. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP055).

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